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Re: Statement of Substance of Interview
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/699,779
Attorney Docket No. CLO.002Div (P03344-US)

Examiner Summons:

Enclosed is a Statement of Substance of Interview, which we request be made of record, for the personal interview conducted on February 10, 2005.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 10/699,779

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Filed: November 4, 2003

Examiner: Summons, B.

For: SAW ELEMENT AND SAW DEVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement that a statement of the substance of an interview be placed in the record, Applicant hereby submits the following.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner Summons for taking time from her busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on February 10, 2005, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicant's representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicant's representative presented a summary of the present invention as providing a method that SAW filters can be designed for better attenuation by adjusting parameters defining Q, f1, and f2 of each SAW block element and multiplying the number of blocks. Ehara fails to teach such design approach. Additionally, Applicant considers that the structure of Ehara having two series and two parallel arms differs from that of the present invention.

The Examiner indicated that she will be maintaining her position in the latest Office Action that the circuit shown in Figure 25 anticipates the invention defined by claims 8-11, 13, 14, 27-29, and 31-33, unless Applicant is able to add functional description for the location of

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the poles/zeroes that would not be an obvious derivation to one of ordinary skill. The Examiner also maintained that location of poles and zeroes, adjusting Q, and replicating filter block units to deepen attenuation are all well known in the art of filter design. The Examiner also disagreed with Applicant's position that the structure of Ehara differs in a significant manner from the claimed invention.

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